

WNYRIC Standards Committee Meeting
November 18, 2009
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1:00-3:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Jill Holbrook (WNYRIC)	Rick Mardino (Erie 1 BOCES)
Dick Lydo (WNYRIC)	Ron LaVere (Cheektowaga)
David Brace (WNYRIC)	Don Watkins (Franklinville)
Barbara Fedchak (WNYRIC)	Steve Ludwig (Clarence)
Julie Cassada (WNYRIC)	Valerie Winegarden (WNYRIC)
Linda Viscusi (WNYRIC)	Dave Stevens (CA BOCES)
Dale Anderson (WNYRIC)	Joe Rozbicki (WNYRIC)
Mike Birmingham (Bath)	Tom Simpson (Pioneer)
Mat Dziuba (WNYRIC)	Robert Spino (Erie 2CC BOCES)
Ken Samland (Wilson)	Mike Murphy (Forestville)
Holly Horwath (WNYRIC)	Barb Mocarski (WNYRIC)
Vic Ozogar (WNYRIC)	

Jill Holbrook called meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. **Approval of the revised August 5, 2009 meeting minutes**- Jill asked if there were any questions/issues from the meeting minutes from August 5, 2009. There were none. Mike Birmingham made the motion to accept meeting minutes and it was seconded by Bob Spino. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Review of WNYRIC Standards Charter**- Jill reviewed the WNYRIC Standards Charter, including criteria for introducing new products. Add/change form must be complete with all necessary information.
3. **Printer updates:**
 - Jill talked about how high speed networked digital printers are now listed in the Standards list which states selected models that meet minimum speed requirements as specified by the WNYRIC Standards committee criteria and are listed on specific OGS State Contract. Selected models are listed for sub-category standard printers.
 - Discussion was held regarding adding Lexmark (T650dn, T653dn and E260d) to Standards list. These specific models are on the aggregate bid list and are similar to the HP 4015dn printers. Joe Rozbicki tested and evaluated the Lexmark T650dn at Starpoint. The district was satisfied with printer's

performance. Printer includes a 3 year warranty at \$397 base price.

Don Watkins volunteered to test Lexmark printer at Franklinville and will have an evaluation of the printer for the committee for the next meeting.

- Canon printers are not listed on the copier contract, only on the printer contract. Canon is currently working on a solution to get on the OGS copier contract.
- Since ComDoc was purchased by Xerox, they can no longer service Ricoh printers under the OGS contract. Service and maintenance for these printers is currently out for bid and we should have resolution by the December BOE meeting. Districts will see a substantial savings for maintenance on these printers.
- David Brace also noted that Usherwood is a new Kyocera service provider and has been added to the printer vendor list. Usherwood currently provides service for Kyocera in the GST region and is expanding its service to the Buffalo region.
- The committee discussed the add change form submitted by Mike Murphy (Forestville) for adding Dell 2145cn multi function color laser printer to Standards list. The unit cost is around \$700 and includes a 3 year warranty. Linda Viscusi stated that repairs to this unit would be covered by regular printer coupon with Vitec. Dave Stevens made the motion to add Dell 2145cn to the Standards list and the motion was seconded by Mike Birmingham. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Operating systems for network servers and workstations** –

- The committee discussed whether or not the Standards list should state version of operating software or should state a minimum version requirement. The committee decided it was best to state a minimum required version.
- Discussion on whether or not to allow home version verses professional version for Vista, specifically for netbooks. It was decided to allow districts to order home version with the understanding that it has to be used in stand alone environment. If running on the network then the professional version must be ordered.
- Ken Samland made the motion to add OpenOffice Suite software to the Standards list; the motion was seconded by Ron LaVere and the motion passed unanimously.
- Windows 7 released to manufacturing link to press release:
<http://www.microsoft.com/Presspass/press/2009/jul09/07-22Windows7RTMPR.mspx>

- Windows Compatibility Factory (ACF)-Dick Lydo stated that Planet Technologies has given the WNYRIC a software tool to test WNYRIC applications compatibility with Windows 7. This tool will be available to districts through their FTEs for further testing that are planning to upgrade to Windows 7.
5. Discussion regarding add form for Seneca Data server submitted by Steve Ludwig-Clarence has been buying Seneca data products for a few years and feel the pricing is competitive and provides good service. The committee had a demo of this product at the meeting in August. Motion was made by Don Watkins to add Seneca Data under servers on Standards list; the motion was seconded by Bob Spino and the motion passed unanimously.
 6. Review of Nortel-Avaya status and VoIP- Dale Anderson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the VoIP service. The WNYRIC offers Voice over Internet Protocol services for districts with WNYRIC support using Cisco and Nortel equipment. The service maintenance/support is aidable and is cost effective for districts. It can also be integrated with Lotus Notes and Sametime. The future vision is to integrate VoIP into portal applications to enhance communication. Districts currently on a VoIP system would be able to tie into the WNYRIC network using ACE (a unified messaging system) that allows Cisco and Nortel to communicate to each other. E1B has been using VoIP for over two years. One of the features is that voicemail goes to the Lotus Notes inbox.

Steve L. asked if there are benchmarks for the new VoIP systems. Rick M. said Nortel offers integration into other applications which was a benchmark that E1B was looking for. Mat D. said it also offers sametime collaboration even on different platforms.

Jill suggested that criteria be established and other cost effective solutions for VoIP should be explored and this information should be collaborated within the listserv over the next 3 months and then be posted in the wiki. She will start a list and send it to the committee via the Standards listserv to develop some criteria.

Jill asked if there were any questions on the Nortel acquisition by Avaya. Most of the Nortel support engineers continue to be employed by Avaya.

7. Discussion regarding add form submitted by Martin Wende (Ken-Ton) and Frederick Willie (Lackawanna) for Mitel 3300 ICP as a standard for VoIP-

- The WNYRIC is currently supporting Cisco and Nortel for VoIP services. Don Watkins advised that CA BOCES currently uses a Mitel switch system and Franklinville has considered using Mitel. The WNYRIC will have to research how Mitel communicates with other switches and the committee should discuss and share solutions to develop criteria.
- Discussion on the add change form request from Joseph Giarrizzo (Tonawanda CSD) for IdealStor disk backup. These are like a tape drive on the hard drive. It is an ejectable drive that expands with the size of the hard drive. This appliance runs on Windows software and works well with other backup software. The committee decided to ask the vendor to demo this product at next Standards committee meeting to investigate further.

8. WNYRIC Standards category review (August and November categories):

Category 1- Computers:

- Remove Compaq and list as HP/Compaq
- Remove sub-categories Handheld PC/Window CEOS, Notebook, and Palm OS and lump together in one sub-category called Handheld Mobile Devices.

Category 3-Internet browsers-Remove Netscape

Category 6-Online emulation-no changes

Category 7-Operating systems:

- Network-Windows-add minimum of 2003
- Workstations-Windows minimum XP

Category 9-Printers-Adding Dell 21145cn under sub-category Multi function per above motion.

Bob Spino made the motion to recommend the above changes to the WNYRIC Standards list; seconded by Ron LaVere. The motion carried unanimously.

To be reviewed at the next meeting due to time constraints:

- Category 2-Communications equipment
- Category 10-Scanners
- Category 12 Servers (SAN)

- Category 13-Software
- Category 14-Server back up

Next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2010 from 1-3 p.m. via distance learning sites.

Ron LaVere asked if it was possible to ask CA BOCES site to relocate to another site. The sound quality at CA BOCES distance learning site is very poor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Valerie Winegarden